

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS work in offices of doctors, dentists, optometrists, and all types of medical clinics and facilities. Medical Assistants perform a variety of tasks such as assisting physicians in treating patients, taking patient medical histories, preparing patients for examinations, arranging and caring for instruments and equipment in examination rooms. They also complete and maintain patient records, schedule appointments, and arrange for hospital admissions.

Requirements

- ▲ Completion of medical assistant training.
- ▲ High school graduate or equivalent.
- ▲ Good health.
- ▲ Business-like appearance and good grooming.
- ▲ Good verbal skills.
- ▲ Pleasant and courteous personality.
- ▲ Certification by American Association of Medical Assistants is desirable.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance is required for certification.

Wages

- ▲ Medical Assistants
Median hourly wage: \$13.34
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$29,698

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

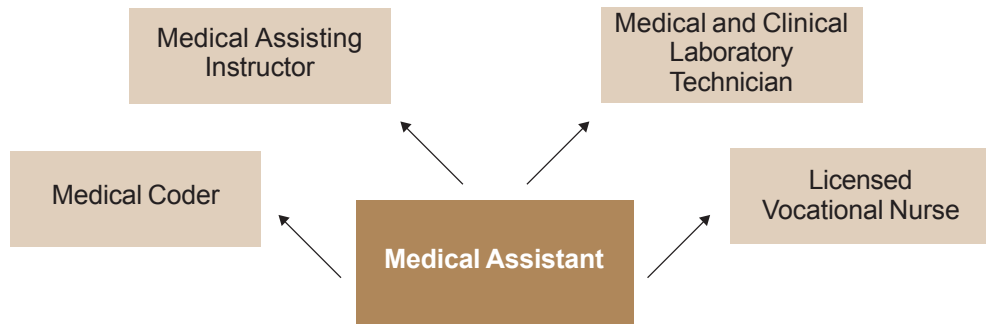
- ▲ Estimated number of Medical Assistants in 2004: 51,000
- ▲ Estimated number of Medical Assistants in 2014: 69,200
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 2,760

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ American Association of Medical Assistants
(312) 899-1500
www.aama-ntl.org
- ▲ California Occupational Guide, No. 513
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Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.